



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILED DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/806.159	03/23/2004	Seiichi Senda	119220	2187

25944 7590 07/29/2004

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. BOX 19928
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22320

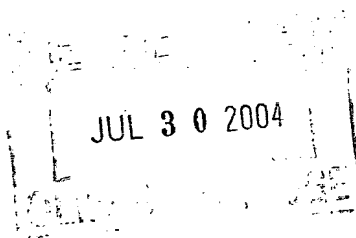
EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2852	

DATE MAILED: 07/29/2004

DUE DATE

AUG 29 2004



Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DOCKETED

By JMM on 7/30 2004
and
By KTG on 8/2 2004
Oliff & Berridge



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Paper No.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

amendment document filed on 2.1.04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:

- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
☐ C. Other _____

2. Abstract:

- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
☐ B. Other _____

3. Amendments to the drawings:

See Attachment

4. Amendments to the claims:

- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)
☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
☐ E. Other: _____

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mail date of the letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in the entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** (including a submission for an RCE), and if the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

Ms. DAWKINS
Principal Instruments Examiner (LIE)

571 272-1567
Telephone No.

10/03

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



Revised Amendment Practice

- Amendments to **Drawings**
 - must include Replacement Sheet(s) which will be entered
 - may also include Annotated Marked-up Drawing(s) which is not to be entered as part of the drawings
 - each sheet of replacement or annotated drawings must be labeled in the top margin as “replacement” or “annotated”

July 30, 2003

7

Revised Amendment Practice

- Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
 - To be used for preliminary amendments and non-final amendments
 - On the form:
 - Identify the section of the amendment paper not in compliance (e.g., amdt to spec., amdt to clms.)
 - Specify the non-compliant item(s) (e.g., no status identifiers, no text for withdrawn claims, etc.)
 - Form completed and legibly signed by LIE with phone number. Team Leader signature no longer required
 - Non-compliant section of the amendment is not entered
 - all other sections are to be entered

July 30, 2003

8

BEST AVAILABLE COPY